UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

JOHN MILLER, Case No. 1:24-cv-608

Plaintiff,

Hopkins, J. vs. Litkovitz, M.J.

GEORGE HUDSON, et al., REPORT AND

Defendants. RECOMMENDATION

On November 1, 2024, the undersigned magistrate judge issued a Report and Recommendation that plaintiff's complaint against defendant George Hudson be dismissed because it failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted. (Doc. 4). Plaintiff did not file objections to the Report and Recommendation but instead filed an amended complaint naming George Hudson as a defendant once again and adding the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and District 1 Police Department as defendants. (Doc. 5). This matter is now before the Court for a *sua sponte* review of the amended complaint to determine whether the amended complaint or any portion of it should be dismissed because it is frivolous, malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).

Plaintiff's amended complaint essentially reiterates the allegations against defendant Hudson that were set forth in the original complaint. For the reasons previously stated in the November 1, 2024 Report and Recommendation (Doc. 4), plaintiff's amended complaint fails to state a claim for relief against defendant Hudson and should be dismissed.

In addition, aside from listing the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and District 1 Police

Department as defendants in the caption of the amended complaint, plaintiff's fails to allege any
wrongdoing on the part of these defendants. To avoid dismissal, the amended complaint must

give defendants Ohio Civil Rights Commission and District 1 Police Department "fair notice of what the . . . claim is and the grounds upon which it rests." *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007) (per curiam). In the absence of any allegations against defendants Ohio Civil Rights Commission and District 1 Police Department, the amended complaint should be dismissed as to these defendants.

The remainder of the amended complaint is rambling, difficult to decipher, and virtually incomprehensible. Plaintiff's complaint provides no factual content or context from which the Court may reasonably infer that the named defendants violated plaintiff's rights. *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678 (2009). Accordingly, the amended complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and should be dismissed under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:

- 1. The amended complaint be **DISMISSED with prejudice** pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
- 2. The Court certify pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) that for the foregoing reasons an appeal of any Order adopting this Report and Recommendation would not be taken in good faith and therefore deny plaintiff leave to appeal *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff remains free to apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the Court of Appeals. *See Callihan v. Schneider*, 178 F.3d 800, 803 (6th Cir. 1999), overruling in part *Floyd v. United States Postal Serv.*, 105 F.3d 274, 277 (6th Cir. 1997).

Date: 12/6/2024 Karen L. Litkovitz

United States Magistrate Judge

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NOTICE

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